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For: SOLID STATE IMAGE SENSOR HAVING
DIFFERENT STRUCTURES FOR EFFECTIVE
PIXEL AREA AND OPTICAL BLACK AREA

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RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 17

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In full and timely response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2003 (Paper No. 17), the period for reply being extended to December 29, 2003 because the December 25, 2003 extended due date being Christmas Day and December 26, 2003 both being a Federal Holiday), please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. For the convenience of the examiner, all pending and canceled claims are presented showing their most recent amendments.

Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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